

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN LILA TAYLOR**, on February 3, 1999 at  
8:00 A.M., in Room 402 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Lila Taylor, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ken Mesaros (R)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Sen. Eve Franklin (D)

**Staff Present:** Lynn Daily, Committee Secretary  
Mary Beth Linder, OBPP  
Jim Turner, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:** Department of Revenue Budget  
Testimony

**Mary Bryson, Director of the Department of Revenue**, speaks for  
the budget.

**EXHIBIT (jgh27a01):** Department of Revenue, Budget Presentation  
Fiscal Years 2000-2001

\*See Attachment

Most people the Department deals are not dealing with the  
Department on a voluntary basis

HB 73 sponsored by Rep. Rose provides clarification on some of  
the licences

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The Department will continue to work with cross-match because it  
has been very successful.

**EXHIBIT(jgh27a02):** Biennial Report of the Montana Department of  
Revenue

**EXHIBIT(jgh27a03):** 1998 MTQ/941 - Pilot; Montana Quarterly tax  
Report Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**SEN. MESAROS** asks how the cadastral mapping would enhance the  
Department's capabilities. **Mary Bryson** says that it takes  
ownership information and puts it onto a map. They would be able  
to identify all property owned by one person and the attached  
attributes of the property. When there is a split of property or  
property lines change they can go into the system and change it  
electronically. On a paper map they would have to erase the line  
and then redraw it. It will also assist the people in the field.  
They will have information readily on hand.

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Tour at the Department of Revenue

**EXHIBIT(jgh27a04):** WARP on the Web

**EXHIBIT 1 Attachment**

Bold taken Directly from Exhibit

**Policy & Performance Management Process Leader** (Page 5)

- internal focus process

**Tax Policy & Research Process Leader** (Page 5)

- State wide process

**Office of Dispute Resolution** (Page 5)

- allows the tax payer to have one place to go to try to  
resolve problems

**Call Center Activated on December 31, 1998 at 3:51 p.m.** (Page 8)

- nine operators to handle the calls

**Increased compliance on personal property filings from November  
1998 to January 1999 resulted in:** (Page 15)

- some people are not reporting all of their property
- some property is not valued right

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:15 A.M.

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REP. LILA TAYLOR, Chairman

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**EXHIBIT** (jgh27aad)